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Hon. Carol Bagley Amon  
United States District Court  
Eastern District of New York  
225 Cadman Plaza East  
Brooklyn, New York 1120

Hon. Frederic Block  
United States District Court  
Eastern District of New York  
225 Cadman Plaza East  
Brooklyn, New York 11201

Hon. David G. Trager  
United States District Court  
Eastern District of New York  
225 Cadman Plaza East  
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Re: Weiss, et al. v. National Westminster Bank Plc, 05-cv-4622 (DGT) (MDG)  
Strauss, et al. v. Credit Lyonnais, S.A., 06-cv-702 (FB) (MDG)  
Wolf, et al. v. Credit Lyonnais, S.A., 07-cv-914 (CBA) (MDG)  
Applebaum, et al. v. National Westminster Bank Plc, 07-cv-916 (DGT) (MDG)

Dear Judges Amon, Block and Trager:

This firm is counsel to defendants National Westminster Bank plc and Crédit Lyonnais S.A. in the above-referenced four related cases, all of which had been pending before Judge Sifton and apparently were reassigned to Your Honors earlier today, despite the fact that they are related cases. The Strauss case was originally filed as related to the Weiss case, the first-filed case, the Wolf case was filed as related to the Strauss case and the Applebaum case was filed as related to the Weiss case. All four cases have been treated as related ever since.

Despite the fact these four cases are related, they were reassigned earlier today as follows:

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Hon. Frederic Block,  
Hon. David G. Trager, p. 2

Judge Trager – Weiss, et al. v. National Westminster Bank plc, 1:05-cv-04622-DGT –MDG

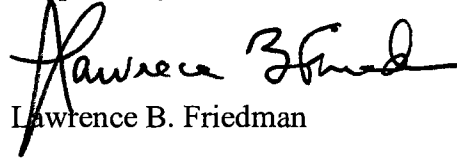
– Applebaum, et al. v. National Westminster Bank plc,  
1:07-cv-00916-DGT -MDG

Judge Block – Strauss, et al. v. Credit Lyonnais, S.A., 1:06-cv-00702-JBW -MDG

Judge Amon – Wolf, et al. v. Credit Lyonnais, S.A., 1:07-cv-00914-CBA -MDG

Pursuant to Rule 50.3(e) of the Court's Rules for the Division of Business Among District Judges, we understand that all four of these related cases should be assigned to Judge Trager, as the judge to whom the case with the lowest docket number was assigned. We therefore respectfully request that the Clerk be instructed to assign all four of these cases to Judge Trager, pursuant to Rule 50.3(e).

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lawrence B. Friedman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lawrence" being more prominent and the last name "Friedman" following in a similar style.

Lawrence B. Friedman

cc: All counsel of record